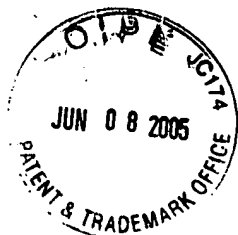


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Sir:

The Office Action mailed December 14, 2004, included a Form PTO-1449 of the IDS filed March 30, 2001. The Examiner lined through Reference AG (Hei 9-309665), thereby not considering the foreign patent citation. However, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, Reference AA (USPN 5,838,596) was disclosed in the IDS as corresponding to Reference AG in the IDS, as noted in Attachment 1(e) of the IDS. Under such circumstances, the Examiner should clearly acknowledge reference AG.

Please note that the Applicants pointed out this matter in the Remarks of the Amendment filed April 12, 2005.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner mail a Supplemental Notice of Allowability to acknowledge Reference AG in the IDS filed March 30, 2001.

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